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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [28] through [32] as follows (a marked-up copy of the amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

[28] FIGS. 2A – 2D are schematic views illustrating a valve plate, inlet valve, discharge valve and head cover of the conventional reciprocating compressor;

[29] FIGS. 3A and 3B are diagrams illustrating an operation of an inlet valve of the conventional reciprocating compressor;

[30] FIGS. 4A and 4B are plan views showing the structure of a check valve according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[31] FIGS. 5A and 5B are exploded views illustrating an operation of a check valve according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

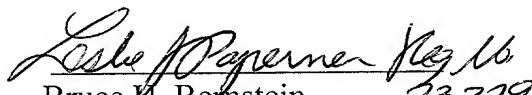
[32] FIGS. 6A and 6B are perspective views of a structure of a check valve according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention.

REMARKS

By the above amendment, the brief description of the drawings has been amended to more accurately describe the figures.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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Paragraphs [28] through [32]:

[28] FIGS. 2A – 2D are schematic views [FIG.2 is a schematic view] illustrating a valve plate, inlet valve, discharge valve and head cover of the conventional reciprocating compressor;

[29] FIGS. 3A and 3B are diagrams [FIG.3 is a diagram] illustrating an operation of an inlet valve of the conventional reciprocating compressor;

[30] FIGS. 4A and 4B are plan views [FIG.4 a plan view] showing the structure of a check valve according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[31] FIGS. 5A and 5B are exploded views [FIG.5 is an exploded view] illustrating an operation of a check valve according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention; and

[32] FIGS. 6A and 6B are perspective views of [FIG. 6 a perspective view] a structure of a check valve according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention.